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SUBJECT: VORSTER'S SHARP REACTION TO AHTISAARI'S REPORTED
SWAPO GREETING

1. THE PRETORIA NEWS REPORTED THIS AFTERNOON, AUGUST 16,
THAT PRIME MINISTER VORSTER HAD ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:
BEGIN TEXT

QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENT IS GREATLY PERTURBED AT REPORTS THIS
MORNING THAT THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL ENVOY, MR. MARTTI
AHTISAARI, HAS GIVEN THE SWAPO HAND SIGN DURING HIS VISIT TO
THE NORTH OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA (SEE PRETORIA 4758). IF THESE
REPORTS ARE CORRECT, THEY REFLECT UPON MR. AHTISAARI'S
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IMPARTIALITY. THE MATTER IS BEING INVESTIGATED FURTHER AND AFTER
COMPLETION THEREOF ANOTHER STATEMENT WILL BE ISSUED. END QUOTED
TEXT.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS THE SAG'S FIRST CLEAR-CUT CLASH WITH
AHTISAARI. THE QUICK AND SHARP REACTION SHOWS CLEARLY THE
CLOSE WATCH WHICH THE SAG IS KEEPING ON THE AHTISAARI MISSION FOR THE

SLIGHTEST SIGN THAT COULD BE INTERPRETED AS PARTIALITY
TOWARD SWAPO. DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY BRAND FOURIE MENTION
ED
THE SAG CONCERN ABOUT AHTISAARI'S GESTURE TO AMBASADDORS SCOTT
AND EDMONDSON WHEN THEY ACCOMPANIED GRAHAM AND LOW TO DISCUSS
RHODESIAN MATTERS WITH HIM THIS AFTERNOON.
EDMONDSON

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